

## REPORT 400 LOST AS RAIDER SINKS BRITISH STEAMER

Pernambuco Despatch Says Vessel Was Attacked Without Warning and Hundreds Perished—Americans Landed at Brazilian Port.

Raider Reported to Be Moving Northward and Cordon of British Warships Start on Hunt For Her—Carries Lost Worth Millions of Dollars.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 18.—A Pernambuco newspaper, the Journal Pequeno, prints a statement attributed to the purser of the British steamer Netherby Hall, that the German raider sank an English ship without warning, and that 400 persons are believed to have lost their lives. Thirteen Americans are among the victims of the raider, who have been landed at Pernambuco. The remainder comprises 170 Englishmen and 54 Frenchmen.

### RAIDER HEADING NORTH.

New York, Jan. 18.—With the possibility that the German sea raider which sank or captured from 15 to 20 of Allied ships is still continuing her depredations, steamship owners and marine underwriters were in a state of nervous tension today. The losses in ships and cargoes so far reported represent from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

A cordon of British cruisers, reported to number 15, is believed to be sweeping the southern seas in search of the raider, which, according to one report, may be the auxiliary cruiser Vineta, according to another the cruiser Moewe, the same sea power that played havoc with Allied shipping about a year ago.

Steamship circles were especially concerned today over a wireless warning that the German raider was working northward to more frequented lines of steamship travel. The possibility that the raider may have arrived and landed one or more of her prizes and dispatched them also on commerce raiding missions was another source of anxiety today. One report was that the British steamer St. Theodore was thus transformed.

Definite news of the fate of this vessel and of the Yarrowdale, reported to have on board some of the crews of the other captured vessels, was still lacking today.

### LONDON GETS NEWS.

London, Jan. 18.—No definite news of the operations of the German raider in the South Atlantic is published here this morning beyond the official announcement in regard to the loss of ships. The statements of the admiralty and Lloyd's are given a prominent place in the morning papers, which otherwise print nothing but comment and speculation.

It is generally admitted that the raider may enjoy a long immunity because it is easier to find a needle in a haystack than a ship bent on eluding capture in the Atlantic. Anxiety is expressed in the matter of grain and meat from Argentine and steel from the United States. The loss of such cargoes may be severely felt coming on top of the depredations of the submarines.

A number of steamers distinct from the identity of the raider's victims, are posted at Lloyd's. The raider is assumed to be identical with the vessel reported on Dec. 4 but there is nothing to indicate whether it dodged the British cordon in the North sea, or started its career from some neutral port.

### May Turn Church Into Clubhouse For Republicans

Negotiations are under way between members of the Bethel A. M. E. Zion church in Broad street and the members of the Second District Republican club for the purchase of the church as a clubhouse. The church members have bought property on the East Side and will build a new church there. The Republican club which now has rooms in Gregory street has been looking for a site for a permanent clubhouse.

Some of the members believe that the church can be remodeled to afford them meeting rooms as well as a public assembly hall in the building. They have started the negotiations with the Bethel church trustees. The second was the first district Republican club organized in Bridgeport and the nucleus for the building fund was established several years ago.

### PROPOSES "DEWEY ISLANDS."

Washington, Jan. 18.—Change of name of the Danish West Indies to the "Dewey Islands" in honor of Admiral Dewey was proposed in a joint resolution introduced today by Representative Allen of Ohio, who announced that he was submitting letters to President Wilson and to the foreign affairs committee of Congress urging the change.

## LANSING DENIES THAT HE KNOWS BARNARD BARUCH

Refutes Lawson's Statements That He Conferred With Him in N. Y.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Lansing denied today statements made at the leak hearing that he had breakfasted several times at the Biltmore hotel in New York with Bernard Baruch. He said he did not know Mr. Baruch and never had any conversation with him. Secretary Lansing's statement was as follows:

"While I dislike very much to dignify by denial false and malicious scandal, as the same time the publicity which has been given to some of the representations warrants me in saying that, in regard to the statement that I breakfasted several times with Mr. Baruch at the Biltmore hotel, implying, I assume, that I gave him advance information concerning the note to the belligerents, I never had any conversation with him and I have been out of Washington only once since election and that was to attend the army and navy game in New York on Nov. 25."

## CORONER BEGINS INVESTIGATION IN FATAL SHOOTING

Police Learn Details of Occurrences That Led Up to Murder.

After hearing a number of witnesses this morning in the case of Lorenzo Christino, who was killed Jan. 15 in a Hallett street brawl, Coroner John J. Phelan continued his investigation until tomorrow morning when several other witnesses have been summoned to appear. Those heard today told about the fight in the saloon and how angry words were exchanged because of a dispute about 10 cents.

The police today learned the correct version of the trouble which led to the killing of Christino. The first reports of the affair were somewhat garbled but as a result of the story told by John Gramigna, a prominent Italian newspaperman who was an eye witness of the affair and who was visiting his sister-in-law, Lena Petrucci, when the shooting took place, they have obtained the facts of the case.

Gramigna was talking with Lena Petrucci in the store where she shops at 47 Hallett street and was not a member of the party playing cards in a saloon as the police first stated. He left his sister-in-law's store and stepped to the sidewalk when five or six men who were arguing, approached.

According to the police, Felix Crino, a brother of the man killed, who lives at 57 Hallett street, struck Napollitano three times with a knife, telling the latter "if he had a gun to shoot, I'm not afraid." Napollitano pulled the gun and did shoot but instead of hitting Felix Crino, shot his brother, Lorenzo.

Gramigna helped to disarm Napollitano and called the ambulance to take the dying man to the hospital. The affair started in a saloon at 42 Hallett street.

### Surprise Expected In Mrs. Moll's Will

Mrs. Theresa Oberly and Mrs. Lily Thorpe, daughters of Mrs. Theresa Moll, are bidding their time before springing a surprise on their brother, Gustavus A. Moll. The surprise is a will which the sisters claim was drawn five years before the mentality of the mother was questioned and in which they are made joint executrix.

The will has not yet been offered to the probate court but Atty. J. B. Klein, counsel for the sisters, admitted today that such a document exists and will be presented to the probate court shortly.

"We want to wait until Mrs. Moll's body gets cold," said the attorney today, "before we rush in with the will. There is no occasion for any unseemly haste in the matter."

Attorney Klein said he has not read the will and does not know what it contains. Friends of the sisters who claim to know, assert that the will divides the bulk of the estate among Mrs. Moll's daughters, Mrs. Oberly, Mrs. Thorpe and Mrs. August Stadler. It is said that Gustavus Moll, the son, is given the life use of the farm, only a part of the estate, and that at his death this property is to be divided between the sisters or their heirs. The sisters will not confirm this report however although they claim they know the contents of the will.

### THE WEATHER.

Connecticut: Generally fair tonight and Friday; colder, strong west winds.

## RABIES FEARED, MUZZLING ORDER IS SOUGHT HERE

Health Officer Brown Asks Animal Commissioner to Issue Edict.

### SAFETY DEMANDS IT OFFICIAL DECLARES

Three Victims of Mad Dog Begin Taking Pasteur Treatment Today.

Health Officer W. H. Brown of this city today sent a recommendation to Commissioner of Domestic Animals Jeffrey O. Phelps that all dogs in Bridgeport be ordered muzzled.

"I believe this step is necessary, both from the standpoint of safety and for economic reasons," said Dr. Brown.

During the last few days three persons have been bitten by a dog, which, he learned yesterday, was rabid. Stephen Toth, John Singola and his 6-year-old son, Joseph, all of 32 Ridge avenue, began taking Pasteur treatment today.

In explaining his desire that all dogs be muzzled, Dr. Brown declared that the safety of the public and economy demand such a step. It is costing the city no mean amount of money to take care of persons bitten by dogs. Several months ago many persons were alarmed by the frequency of dog bites.

## ILL LONG TIME, MAYOR RICE OF NEW HAVEN DIES

Operation Followed by General Breakdown Results in Executive's Death.

New Haven, Jan. 18.—Mayor Frank J. Rice died today. He had been sick since last August, the sickness taking an acute turn within the last few weeks.

The latter part of last month he was operated on but the operation brought little apparent improvement in his condition, which had developed into a general breakdown. He was suffering his fourth consecutive term as mayor, having been in office seven years.

He was born in North Adams, Mass., Feb. 6, 1869, and came to New Haven when he was 14 years old. He had worked as a street car conductor and in 1892 ran the first electric car through the city. He later took up the real estate business. He served in various minor offices and was first elected mayor in 1909. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a director in several local institutions and a member of various fraternal organizations. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

Mayor Rice was elected last summer as president of the Connecticut Association of Mayors.

## GIRL PRESENTS SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST YOUTH

Prominent New Haven People Take Hand in Case of Errant Child.

As Mary Higgins, a 16-year-old orphan girl, who was arrested last night with Arthur C. Heath, known in sporting circles of the city as "Red" Heath, was led from the city court room this morning a touching scene was enacted between the girl and Mrs. Charles E. Mitchell, wife of a prominent New Haven attorney and government official, and a daughter of Ex-Congressman William Kennedy. The Higgins girl was arraigned with Heath charged with statutory offense. Her parents died some years ago and Miss Higgins, who is a bright, pretty girl, was sent to the St. Francis home, in New Haven, from this city. She was later taken from the institution by Mrs. Mitchell and placed in the latter's home.

About two weeks ago the girl ran away and the police had been notified to find her. Born and reared with her parents in this city she came to Bridgeport and was found last night with Heath on the street. She told the police she had been meeting Heath on and off during the last week.

Heath, who lives at 234 Cedar street, was also taken into custody and a statutory charge lodged against him. Mrs. Mitchell, her husband and Congressman Kennedy, who evinced much interest in the Higgins girl and to whom they were attached, were in court this morning when her case was called. Judge Frank Wilder committed her to the House of Good Shepherd. Before leaving the court room to be taken to the institution, she embraced and kissed her benefactress and several other women and was led weeping down the stairs.

The case of Heath, who gives his age as 33 years, was postponed until tomorrow for disposition.

MISS MCGOVERN ARRIVES. Collector and Mrs. James L. McGovern are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter at their home, 319 East Main street, this morning. Mother and daughter are doing splendidly.

## TATTOOS BABE'S ARM SO HOSPITAL CANNOT GIVE HIM ANOTHER'S

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—His coat of arms sketched in indelible ink on the wrist of his baby daughter gives assurance today to Lieut. G. W. von Brincken, military attaché of the German consulate here, that his young wife will carry away no other couple's child when she leaves the hospital where their first born came into the world yesterday.

In a panic at the sight of numerous other infants in the hospital nursery, Von Brincken, lately convicted of complicity in the munition plot involving the German consulate here, catechised the nurses on their methods of identification. Not satisfied with their system, he called for ink and pen and sketched the coat of arms on the babe's wrist.

## TRIO OF BOYS ADMIT ROBBERY BEACH HOUSES

High School Student and Companions Procured \$50 in Quarters from Meters.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Fairfield, Jan. 19.—Three boys were arraigned before Judge Bacon Wakeman this morning in the Fairfield town court on the charge of having robbed cottages at Fairfield Beach.

John Banks was taken from his seat in the Bridgeport High school this morning by Detectives Gerrity and Washburn. Rupert Devos and Wilber Miniter, who live in Atlantic street, Bridgeport, were arrested by Constable George Marvel of Fairfield, who got Devos two days ago and Miniter yesterday.

Banks was at first committed to the Connecticut School for Boys, but Judge Wakeman suspended judgment and released the boy in the custody of Louis Cope, secretary of the Boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. Devos was bound over to the superior court under bonds of \$500. Miniter was placed on probation.

The boys broke into cottages Saturday and obtained \$50 from gas meters, they admitted. Prior thefts at the cottages are attributed to others.

## MAP MAKER IS HELD, ARRESTED AT ARMS PLANT

Factory Detectives Suspect Plot and Have Draughtsman Apprehended.

A tall studious looking individual, wearing spectacles and having every outward appearance of being of Teutonic origin, was seen measuring the oil tank, located in the rear of the Remington Arms Co., at 1 o'clock this afternoon. With his rule he would tape the width of fences and the circumference of holes in the fences, which he recorded on a map, containing an accurate map drawn by location of every building of the company even to the size and location of a small garage.

Guards employed by the concern focussed fire glasses on the mysterious map-maker. They visualized the scene following an explosion of the oil tank. Thoughts of the great explosions which occurred within the last week in New Jersey came to their minds.

"Who is this mysterious person?" they asked each other. Terror spread among them. They notified J. L. Brewster, a member of the company's investigating bureau. He rushed to a spot near the oil tank and watched the map-maker with eagle eye.

A hurry call was sent to police headquarters and detectives rushed to the drawing which he was drafting, had wandered by this time down Bond street and into Dover street. Here Detective Fred L. Feeley found him.

"Who are you?" demanded the detective. "Otto Barthel," responded the topographer in accents unmistakably Teutonic.

The detective remembered Boy-Ed, his mind became a tumult of ideas. When he looked at the map and saw every detail of the Arms plant carefully drawn to the minutest detail he fairly shook with emotion.

"Where's your permit to draw a plan of this munition plant?" "I have none," responded Barthel. "Come along with me," ironically remarked Feeley.

Barthel was taken to headquarters, the scene of investigation was a respectable draughtsman and topographer in the employ of G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia map makers. Capt. E. O. Cronan telephoned to the city engineer's office. Barthel had asked them for a permit but had been refused one to make drawings and was proceeding on his own initiative.

Barthel acts pensive and puzzled. The police and the Remington Arms detective bureau are non-plussed. He says he has a right to make maps. "This is a free country." At the time of going to press, Cronan, Barthel, Feeley and Brewster were mixed in a hopeless verbal tangle. Barthel demands release.

### COLLECTOR WALSH HERE

James J. Walsh, collector of internal revenue, was in Bridgeport today and conferred with manufacturers and others relative to the provisions of the corporation and incomes tax laws.

## FARM PRODUCTS FOR 1916 SHOW HUGE INCREASE

Jump of Over Two and a Half Billions in Value Over Previous Year.

### GREATEST RECORD IN U. S. HISTORY

Prices Paid to Producers Are Increased By More Than 50 Per Cent.

Washington, Jan. 18.—American farm products attained a gross value of \$13,449,000,000 in 1916, making that year the greatest in point of value of any in the nation's existence.

That estimate of the year's gross value of farm crops and animal products, announced today by the department of agriculture, exceeds by \$2,674,000,000 the total of 1915, the previous record, and by more than \$3,500,000,000 the value in 1914. Crop production for the year was comparatively low and did not reach record figures except in a few minor instances, but high prices sent total values up.

Crops were valued at \$9,111,000,000 and animal products at \$4,338,000,000. The crop value exceeded that of 1915 by \$2,304,000,000 and of 1914 by \$2,259,000,000. Crops alone in 1916 were worth more than crops and animal products combined in any year prior to 1912.

Other crops that exceeded \$100,000,000 were: Oats, \$556,000,000; potatoes, \$417,000,000; wood lot products, \$221,000,000; apples, \$184,000,000; tobacco, \$169,000,000; barley, \$160,000,000.

The level of prices paid to producers for the principal crops on Dec. 1, 1916, was about 55.9 per cent. higher than a year previous, 52.9 per cent. higher than two years before, and \$2.8 per cent. higher than the average of the previous eight years on Dec. 1.

## SUES MAN WHO COMPLAINED OF HIM TO POLICE

Restaurant Worker Brings Action Against Manager for Malicious Prosecution

Through the invocation of the statutes in an unusual manner Max Albot, manager of a restaurant at 618 Main street, today languishes in jail in place of the man about whom he complained to the police.

Albot is charged civilly with malicious prosecution of Herbert Ross, a restaurant worker, living at 618 Main street, whom he had arrested Tuesday charged with embezzlement of \$8.25.

Following the hearing before Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in the city court yesterday, Ross was discharged upon a nolle prosequere and he immediately instituted the unique proceeding, claiming \$1,500 damages for false and malicious arrest.

Sheriff Joseph Stiegler placed Albot in custody upon process drawn by Charles A. Hopwood. Albot has not been able to furnish the bonds asked and remained at the county jail last night. His attorney, Samuel Reich, will today petition the common pleas court for a reduction in the amount of bail asked.

This, the first case of "false arrest" charged in this city during several years past, has attracted wide attention in police and legal circles and its trial in the courts will provoke general interest.

## Nancy Guilford Not to Resume Practice Says Her Attorney

Dr. Nancy Guilford is not seeking to resume practice either at Hartford or Bridgeport, according to her attorney, J. B. Klein. Dr. Guilford, who was in Bridgeport yesterday, obtained the date of her registration for practice here from the town clerk's office. She desired this date in order to fix the date on some other legal matter which is in the hands of her attorney. Assistant Town Clerk Winton today denied that Mrs. Guilford said she was seeking to resume practice.

Dr. Guilford, it will be remembered, was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Emma Gill of Southington. The body was dismembered and thrown into Yellow Mill pond. After many sensational developments Mrs. Guilford was convicted and sentenced to the State prison. She was released about 10 years ago and since then has been living in Hartford.

### NEW BRIEF IN R. R. CASE.

Washington, Jan. 18.—In the Adamson law test case before the supreme court, counsel for the railroads filed today a supplemental brief, replying to that of the department of justice suggesting practical methods for giving effect to the law.

### FLAG AT HALF STAFF.

On receipt of departmental orders, Collector of Port McGovern today half-staffed the flag on the Federal building as a tribute to the memory of Admiral Dewey. The flag will be at half-staff until after the Admiral is buried Saturday.

The Standard Oil Co. of Boston advanced the price of gasoline one cent a gallon to 24 cents.

## MINORITY FIGHTS AGAINST PLAN TO STIFLE ACTIVITIES

## INTRODUCES BILL TO CURB ABUSE OF LABOR LAWS

Rep. Sherwood Would Cut Long Hours of Women and Minors.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 18.—Representative Harry R. Sherwood of Westport introduced a bill in the House today designed to curb the employment of women, and minors under 16, for long hours, and late at night.

The bill is the outgrowth of the agitation that followed the reports of survey makers on Connecticut industries, it is believed. It was said some employers were evading the present law.

The measure provides that no woman or minor under 16 shall be employed in any factory, workshop, theatre, laundry, bakery, printery or in any dressmaking or millinery establishment, manure or hairdressing parlor, or in any manufacturing, mercantile or mechanical establishment, more than nine hours in one day, more than six days in one week, or more than 50 hours in one week.

Designed to make it less drastic on mercantile establishments, the bill provides that those employers who allow their employees seven holidays a year may work them a little longer during the so-called holiday season.

Another provision of the bill is that no minor under 16 may be employed before 6 a. m. or after 6 p. m. in any manufacturing establishment, and no woman or minor under 16 may be employed in any of the establishments named above before 5 a. m. or after 10 p. m.

Severe penalties are included in the bill. For the first offense a fine of not less than \$20 and not more than \$50 is provided; for the second, not less than \$50 and not more than \$200; for the third, not less than \$250, and not more than \$1,000.

## CONNECTICUT CO. WOULD LAY NEW TRACKS IN CITY

Measure Asks Right to Extend Present Routes and Build New Ones.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 18.—Senator Whitney of New Haven today introduced bills providing for the extension of present routes and the establishing of new lines by the Connecticut company, in several cities. Relative to Bridgeport, the proposed changes are:

Authorizing the laying of tracks on either Middle street or Housatonic avenue, from Golden Hill street to Congress street.

Authorizing the extension of the Oak street line by either of these routes: present terminus at North avenue, to Madison avenue, to Marion street, to Main street, or, from present terminus to Center street, to Madison avenue, to Marion street, to Main street.

Granting an extension of two years in the time limit for extending the present East Main street line to Nichols.

## Probate Procedure May Be Changed by Bartlett Measures

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 18.—Senator Bartlett of Bridgeport, today introduced two bills to modify present probate court procedure. One provides that, when the natural guardian of a minor be removed, the court may appoint a temporary guardian at once. The other bill provides that the county may collect from parents the cost of maintenance in the county home of children born out of wedlock.

## Church Appeals License of Andy

The dispute regarding the transfer of Larry Andy's liquor license in which it was claimed the saloon was within the forbidden distance of a church by less than a foot, will be fought out in the superior court. The county commissioners, who granted Andy a transfer from 607 Harrah avenue, were notified today that an appeal had been taken by the remonstrants.

Objection was made to the transfer on the ground that the new location is too near the Italian Calvary Congregational church. Measurements made by different surveyors showed the distance of the saloon from the church was close to the legal limit of 200 feet. After a visit to the premises, the commissioners satisfied themselves that Andy was entitled to a transfer.

## Innocent-Looking Amendment to Legislative Rules Provokes a Fight in the House, With Democrats Gaining Some Support From Majority.

Amendment Would Kill All Minority Reports and Take From Democrats Any Voice in Proceedings—Expect Sharp Encounter on Tuesday.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 18.—Efforts of the Republican leaders to completely stifle the Democratic minority in the General Assembly, by means of an innocent-looking amendment to the rules, has stirred up a hornet's nest that is likely to develop into a first-class row when the Legislature meets next Tuesday.

The amendment, introduced yesterday by Senator Brooks, and passed by the Senate under suspension of the rules, provides that unfavorable reports will be reported to the clerk of the Senate or House and recorded in the Journal. At any time during the succeeding five days the report may be called up for discussion at the request of any member, and if the request is agreeable to the wishes of the majority of the body in which it is made. After the expiration of five days the measure with the unfavorable report of the committee will be sent to the office of the secretary of state.

The House yesterday held up the amendment and today took up the matter again. Concurrent action was again refused, and Representative Peasley and Geary were named as a committee on conference. The Senate today reaffirmed its vote of yesterday, and when the dissenting action of the House was transmitted to that body, named Senator Klett as its conferee.

According to Senator Brooks, the amendment is designed "merely to expedite business." He found support for his contention among his Republican Senatorial colleagues, but ran against a snag in the House. Democrats point out that the amendment, which would absolutely kill minority reports, further tends to obliterate the minority party in the legislature. Coming on top of the slight in the matter of committee appointments, it appears to some Democrats as if they might as well be home, so far as their future worth to the legislature would be if the amendment is passed.

It is reported that Speaker Frank E. Healy isn't at all favorable to the amendment and that the Democrats in the House will find substantial Republican backing in their opposition to the amendment.

The committee on conference will report Tuesday when a pitched battle may ensue.

## O'Connell Presents Bills to Regulate Operation of Trains

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 18.—Senator John M. O'Connell, of Bridgeport, by request, introduced two bills today amending present laws governing the operation of railroads in the state. One measure would prohibit the operation of a regular train with the locomotive attached anywhere except at the head of the train; and would prevent the operation of a locomotive rearward, outside of yard limits, except in emergency. The other bill would broaden the supervision of the labor bureau the inspection, as to light and sanitation, of railroad roundhouses, toilets and rest rooms.

## Would Place \$500 Fine on Employers Who "Clock" Workers

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 18.—Representative Rogers of Manchester presented a bill in the House today imposing a fine of \$500 on any manufacturer who shall install on his machines any "clocking" device, for measuring the work of the operator.

The bill was referred to the committee on labor.

## Bridgeport Court Officials Re-Named In Senate Measure

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Jan. 18.—Senator Caldwell, of Bridgeport, today introduced a resolution reappointing Frederic A. Bartlett judge and Frank L. Wilder deputy judge of the Bridgeport city court. It is expected that a charter amendment proposing the reorganization of the court will be presented later.